

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 28, 29, 34, and 35 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11-13, 15, 18-20, 22, 24-26, and 37-43 are currently pending, with claims 41-43 withdrawn from further consideration.

In the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11-13, 15, 18-20, 22, 24-26, and 37-40. The Examiner rejected claims 28 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,642,431 to Poggio et al. (hereinafter "Poggio") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,975,970 to Zettel et al. (hereinafter "Zettel"); and rejected claims 29 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Poggio in view of Zettel, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,148,092 to Qian (hereinafter "Qian").

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11-13, 15, 18-20, 22, 24-26, and 37-40. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 28 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Poggio in view of Zettel; and rejection of claims 29 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Poggio in view of Zettel, and further in view of Qian. However, to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants have canceled claims 28, 29, 34, and 35. The rejections of claims 28, 29, 34, and 35 are therefore moot. All pending claims have thus been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

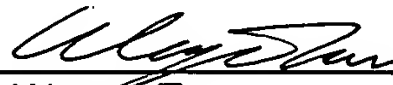
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the timely issue of a Notice of Allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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